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SUBJECT: FM YANG: "NEED TO STUDY AND DISCUSS THE BEST WAY FORWARD" ON IRAN

REF: 9/13 EAP/CM EMAIL TO EMBASSY

Classified By: Ambassador Clark T. Randt, Jr. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

¶1. (C) In a September 14 meeting requested by Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on other subjects (see septels), the Ambassador, drawing from talking points contained in ref e-mail, stressed our joint commitment to a two-track resolution of the Iranian nuclear issue. In addition to the IAEA effort, work on the second track increasing UN Security Council pressure on Iran, specifically through the adoption of a third UNSC resolution, must continue without delay. The Ambassador urged China's cooperation.

¶2. (C) FM Yang responded with the standard Chinese talking points: that China takes the Iran nuclear issue very seriously, that there is no difference between U.S. and Chinese strategic objectives on this score. The parties involved "need to study and discuss the best way forward to peacefully resolve the crisis, safeguard the international nuclear non-proliferation regime, and promote peace and stability in the region."

¶3. (SBU) Yang added that China will send a representative to the upcoming P5-plus-1 meeting in Washington, but he did not specify who the representative will be.

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